



Borough of Bellevue

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2022, 7:00 pm

Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order

President Cerminara called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Ms. Sloane, Mr. McKelvey, Mr. Stuncard, Mr. Hrynda, Ms. Miller, Ms. Slavicek, and President Cerminara. Ms. Edmondson and Ms. Denton were absent. A quorum was established.

Also, in attendance were Junior Councilperson Andrew Beckas, Director of Administrative Services Cindy Bahn, DPW Superintendent Jim Kelly, Library Director Ellen Goodman, Treasurer Joe Scioscia, and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Shawn Jacobs, BCO Candidate: Mr. Jacobs introduced himself to Council and noted his 20 years of experience in construction, as well as serving as building inspector for the City of Pittsburgh, and then BIU.
- Erin Thompson, Library Youth Services Coordinator Candidate: Ms. Thompson introduced herself, highlighting her education and work experience, including serving as the STEAM coordinator at Sharpsburg Library.
- Justin Greenawalt, JPC Candidate: Mr. Greenawalt introduced himself, and stated that he works at Michael Baker and is an architectural historian, well-versed in planning.
- Linda Woshner, 137 S. Euclid Avenue: Questioned how the Ordinance was adopted and stated her belief that the job duties are same for the library director and assistant director.
- Glenn Pritchard, 545 Forest Avenue: Stated that the Fire Department needs to have input into the 5K route; commented on the denied request to see the career firefighters' CBA; and expressed his thoughts on the Borough financing 2 vehicles.
- Solicitor Racunas reviewed the process of Ordinance adoption in response to Ms. Woshner's comments and stated that the Firefighter CBA is a draft not subject to public disclosure under the Open Records Law.

Consent Agenda

Items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and noncontroversial and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by Council Members, that item is to be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the Agenda.

- a. Motion to Accept Minutes of the November 4, 2021 Finance, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Public Works Committee Meetings.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the November 9, 2021, Pre-Council Meeting and November 23, 2021, Council Meeting.
- c. Motion to Accept Minutes of the December 14, 2021, Pre-Council Meeting and December 28, 2021, Council Meeting.
- d. Motion to Accept Minutes of the January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting.
- e. Motion to Accept Minutes of the January 5, 2022, Finance, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety and Public Works Committee Meetings.

- f. Motion to Accept Minutes of the January 11, 2022, Pre-Council Meeting and January 25, 2022 Council Meeting.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the January 25, 2022, Bill List.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Ms. Sloane

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 05-22, Providing for the Refund of Real Estate Taxes as a Result of Changes in Assessed Values and/or Overpayments.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Ms. Sloane

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

- c. Motion to Adopt Resolution 06-22, Fee Schedule for the Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes, Solid Waste Fees, Business Privilege Taxes and Mercantile Taxes by Maiello Brungo and Maiello.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Ms. Sloane

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

- a. Motion to Authorize the Advertisement for a Pool Manager, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$250. (01.406.34)

Moved: Mr. Stuncard

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

- b. Motion to Authorize North Hills Community Outreach to Hold a 5K Race on August 13, 2022 Starting at 8:30 am, with the Route Beginning and Ending at Greenstone UM Church in Avalon.

Moved: Mr. Stuncard

Second: Mr. Hrynda

Discussion followed about concerns regarding notification to residents, with Mr. Stuncard agreeing to reach out to NHCO. Mr. Kelly noted that there was an pre-event meeting last year with him, NHCO, and the Fire Department to address concerns.

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

- c. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 22-01, Revising the Personnel System to Create a New Library Position and Updating Other Library Positions.

Moved: Mr. Stuncard

Second: Ms. Sloane

Discussion: Mr. Hrynda asked that the Motion be table to do more research; President Cerminara did not see the need to table.

Mr. Hrynda moved to table the adoption of Ordinance 22-01, and Mr. McKelvey seconded the motion. Mr. Hrynda, Mr. McKelvey, and Ms. Slavicek voted to table the motion. Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Sloane, Ms. Miller and President Cerminara voted against tabling the motion. Motion to table the adoption of Ordinance 22-01 failed, 3-4, with no abstentions.

On the original motion to adopt Ordinance 22-01:

Aye: Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Sloane, Ms. Miller, President Cerminara

Nay: Ms. Slavicek, Mr. Hrynda, Mr. McKelvey

Motion carried, 4-3 with no abstentions.

- d. Motion to Extend an Offer of Employment to Erin Thompson as Coordinator of Youth Services at the Andrew Bayne Memorial Library.

Moved: Mr. Stuncard

Second: Ms. Sloane

Aye: Ms. Slavicek, Ms. Sloane, Mr. Stuncard, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Miller, President Cerminara.

Nay: Mr. Hrynda
Motion carried, 6-1 with no abstentions.

Public Safety Committee:

- a. Motion to Adopt Resolution 7-22, Appointing Lt. Jack Davin as Fire Marshal.
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 08-22, Extending a Conditional Offer of Employment to Shawn Jacobs as Building Code Official/Zoning Officer, Effective February 25, 2022.
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. McKelvey
Discussion: Ms. Miller asked about the hiring process, and DAS Bahn explained the process.
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- c. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of a 2022 Ford Police Interceptor SUV at a Cost of \$38,946.00 and Upfitting of Same at a Cost of \$13,023, to be Financed Through a Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement with KS Bank. (01.410.700)
Moved: Mr. Stuncard Second: Ms. Sloane
Discussion: Ms. Miller stated that she doesn't have enough information. Mr. Stuncard stated that he receives lukewarm answers from the Chief, believes that we can get more miles out of the current vehicles, and he would like to hear more from the Chief
Aye: Mr. Hrynda, Ms. Sloane, President Cerminara.
Nay: Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Miller, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Slavicek
Motion failed, 3-4 with no abstentions.
- d. Motion to Approve the January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement with IAFF Local 4014, aka Bellevue Professional Fire Fighters Association.
Solicitor Racunas stated that there could be possible action on this motion following the Executive Session.

Public Works Committee:

- a. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of a Caterpillar Skid Steer Loader at a Total Cost of \$44,663.00 through a Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement with KS State Bank and with Three Annual Payments of \$15,345.87 (01.430.740)
Moved: Mr. McKelvey Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to Authorize the DPW Superintendent to Sell the 2011 Case SR220 Skid Loader on Minicibid.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- c. Motion to Authorize the Property Owner at 694 North Avenue to Tap into the Borough's Storm Sewer System.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- d. Motion to Accept the December 22, 2021 Climatech Proposal for Preventative Maintenance on the Borough's HVAC Systems at an Annual Cost of \$5,862.00. (01.409.373)
Moved: Mr. McKelvey Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Ethics Committee (Ad Hoc):

Ms. Sloane admitted that she dropped the ball, and asked if the Committee had different members; President Cerminara stated that the current members are Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Sloane, and Ms.

Jpdi Cerminara, Council President